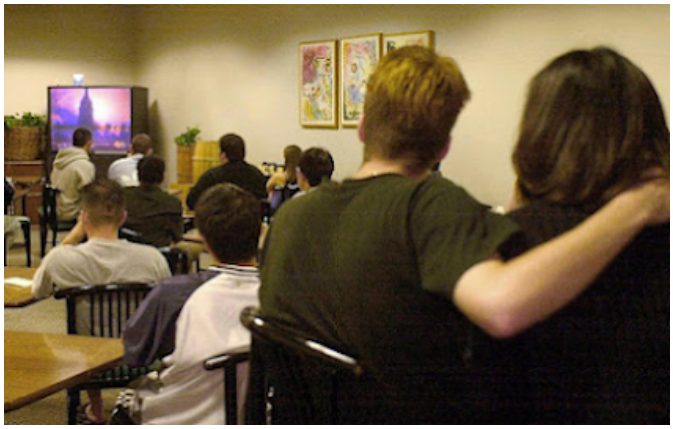
Dan Mitchell's Blog Continues

Dan Mitchell's blog about UCLA and UC. The original goes back to 2009 at uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com. Daniel J.B. Mitchell is a Professor-Emeritus in the Anderson and Luskin Schools at UCLA.

Sunday, September 13, 2026

25th Anniversary: September 11, 2001 - Part 3



The fallout from the Sept. 11th UCLA Law School event continues:

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DAILY BRUIN

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Julio Frenk condemns UCLA Law symposium featuring attorney of alleged 9/11 conspirator

https://dailybruin.com/2026/09/12/julio-frenk-condemns-symposium-featuring-attorney-for-alleged-9-11-conspirator

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Los Angeles Times

CALIFORNIA

UCLA chancellor rebukes law school event with 9/11 'mastermind' attorney; organizers push back

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-09-12/ucla-chancellor-law-school-9-11-event

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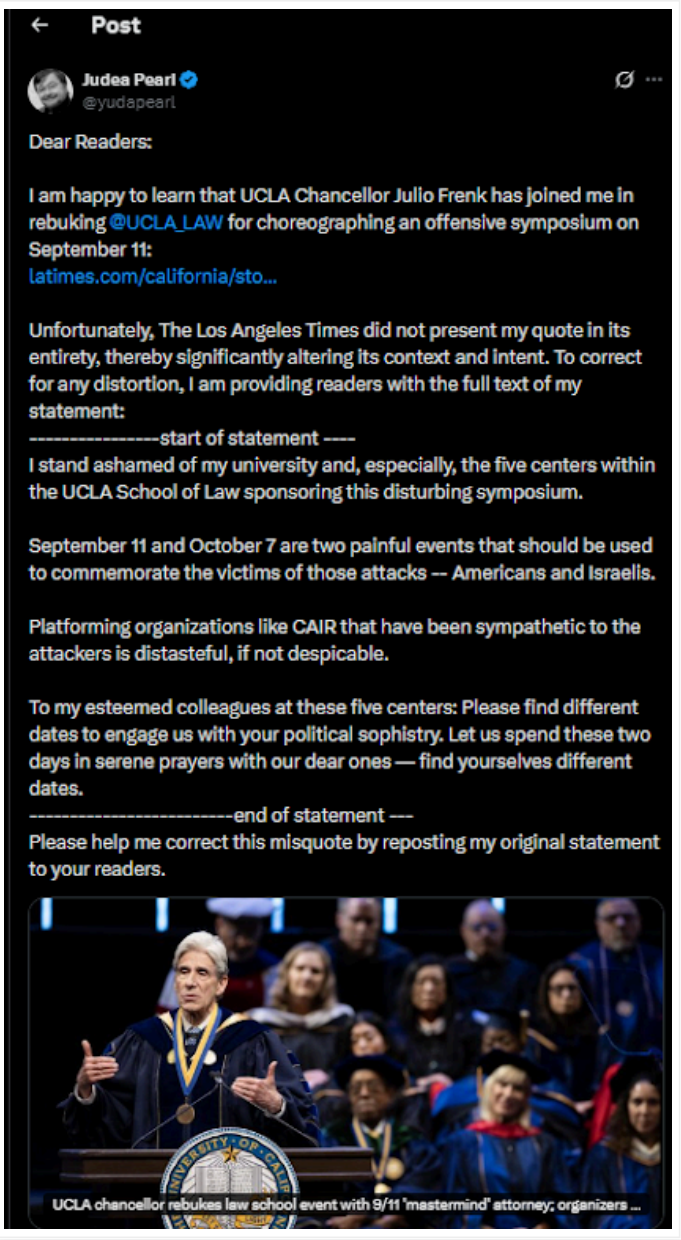
Post
Judea Pearl
@yudapearl
Dear Readers:
I am happy to learn that UCLA Chancellor Julio Frenk has joined me in rebuking @UCLA_LAW for choreographing an offensive symposium on September 11:
latimes.com/california/sto...
Unfortunately, The Los Angeles Times did not present my quote in its entirety, thereby significantly altering its context and intent. To correct for any distortion, I am providing readers with the full text of my statement:
----------start of statement ----
I stand ashamed of my university and, especially, the five centers within the UCLA School of Law sponsoring this disturbing symposium.
September 11 and October 7 are two painful events that should be used to commemorate the victims of those attacks -- Americans and Israelis.
Platforming organizations like CAIR that have been sympathetic to the attackers is distasteful, if not despicable.
To my esteemed colleagues at these five centers: Please find different dates to engage us with your political sophistry. Let us spend these two days in serene prayers with our dear ones — find yourselves different dates.
----------end of statement ---
Please help me correct this misquote by reposting my original statement to your readers.
UCLA chancellor rebukes law school event with 9/11 'mastermind' attorney; organizers ...

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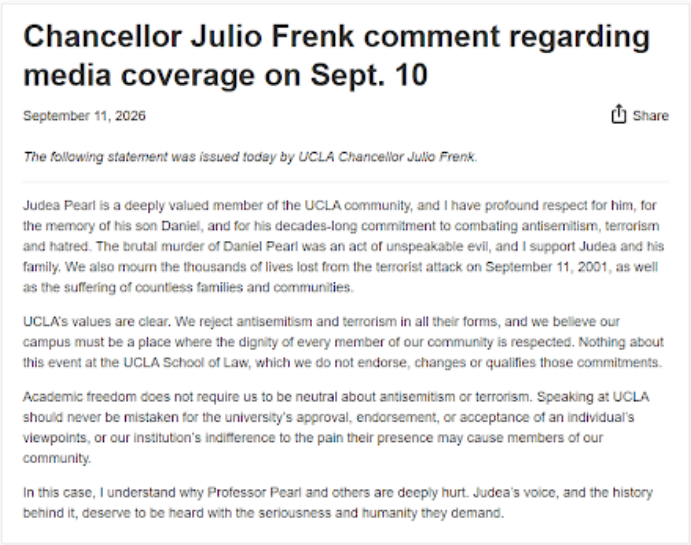
Chancellor Julio Frenk comment regarding media coverage on Sept. 10
September 11, 2026
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The following statement was issued today by UCLA Chancellor Julio Frenk.
Judea Pearl is a deeply valued member of the UCLA community, and I have profound respect for him, for the memory of his son Daniel, and for his decades-long commitment to combating antisemitism, terrorism and hatred. The brutal murder of Daniel Pearl was an act of unspeakable evil, and I support Judea and his family. We also mourn the thousands of lives lost from the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, as well as the suffering of countless families and communities.
UCLA's values are clear. We reject antisemitism and terrorism in all their forms, and we believe our campus must be a place where the dignity of every member of our community is respected. Nothing about this event at the UCLA School of Law, which we do not endorse, changes or qualifies those commitments.
Academic freedom does not require us to be neutral about antisemitism or terrorism. Speaking at UCLA should never be mistaken for the university's approval, endorsement, or acceptance of an individual's viewpoints, or our institution's indifference to the pain their presence may cause members of our community.
In this case, I understand why Professor Pearl and others are deeply hurt. Judea's voice, and the history behind it, deserve to be heard with the seriousness and humanity they demand.

https://newsroom.ucla.edu/chancellor-julio-frenk-comment-event-coverage-sept-10

at September 13, 2026 No comments:

Labels: academic freedom, diversity, UCLA

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Grad Housing

Apparently, despite federal cutbacks, UCLA expects to need more grad student housing. From the Daily Bruin:

UCLA will convert a newly acquired Sawtelle multifamily complex into graduate student housing over the next few months. UCLA purchased the building at 1775 Beloit Ave. in August for $8.5 million. The property is about three miles away from campus, and students will be able to move in in a few months, a UCLA Housing spokesperson said in an emailed statement.

***The acquisition – along with other purchases on Wilshire Boulevard, Venice Boulevard and Berryman Avenue – are part of UCLA's goal to expand housing for graduate students**, the spokesperson said in the statement. The university is converting Weyburn Terrace – which previously only served graduate students – from graduate housing into undergraduate housing over the next three years starting this fall...*

Full story at https://dailybruin.com/2026/09/06/ucla-expands-graduate-student-housing-with-8-5m-sawtelle-property-acquisition.

at September 13, 2026 No comments:

Labels: UCLA

Straws in the Wind - Part 463

From the LA Times: *The Trump administration is proposing a new rule that would strip private colleges and private grade schools of their tax-exempt status if they provide targeted help to students based on their race, a significant escalation in the White House's campaign to eradicate diversity programs directed at Black, Latino and other minority students... The Treasury Department proposed the change... in a new regulation that, if made final, would take effect after May 2027. The rule is broadly aimed at ending any policies or programs that help students because of their race, and it specifically says such benefits in admissions, scholarships and facilities "would be incompatible" with the rule...*

The proposed change would not only impose a tax bill on schools, but also could discourage donors who would lose the advantage of deducting the donation to lower their taxes. A public comment period is expected to last until early November. In California, the proposed changes would cover more than 85 nonprofit colleges and universities, among them Stanford and USC. The proposed rule also affects private K-12 schools — in all, more than 18,000 institutions

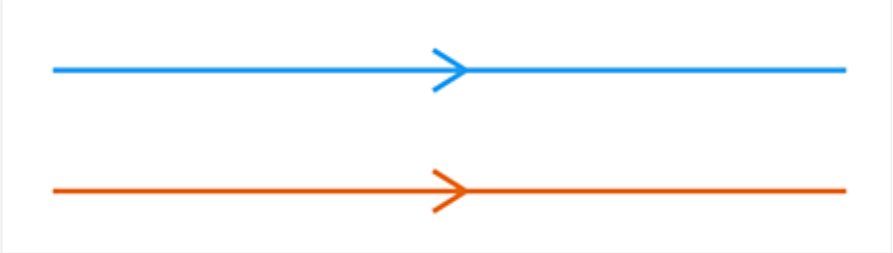
nationwide. Public colleges, such as UCLA, and public school districts would not be affected, although Trump has separately threatened to pull their federal funding over race-based assistance...

Full story at https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2026-09-03/trump-tax-exempt-status-schools-race.

at September 13, 2026 No comments:

Labels: diversity, politics, Stanford, UCLA, USC

Parallel Blogs / Subscribing



We have been putting out this blog since 2009 under the heading "UCLA Faculty Association" using the link:

https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/

The blog site was originally created by the then-executive director of the Faculty Association. As such, yours truly does not have control of the site; he is simply a blogger on it. So when technical issues arise, that can be a problem. Given that issue, we have been adding a parallel site with the same blog entries since July 23rd:

https://danmitchellsblogcontinues.blogspot.com/

We will be running the two in parallel for the indefinite future. Possibly, at some point we will switch to the new link.

If you read the blog using the Facebook page of Yousee Elayemeriti, you can continue to do so:

https://www.facebook.com/yousee.elayemeriti

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You will then receive an email at the email address you provided asking you to confirm. After you confirm, you will receive an email notification of new postings whenever they appear. If there are, say, three postings on a particular day, you will receive three notifications (one for each one).

Note and full disclosure: There are ads on these notifications.

at September 13, 2026 No comments:

Labels: miscellaneous

Saturday, September 12, 2026

25th Anniversary: September 11, 2001 - Part 2

From the California Post: *UCLA's top official has condemned a 9/11 event hosted by the college featuring a range of controversial speakers — including the defense lawyer for 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.*

The school's chancellor, Julio Frenk, said in exclusive remarks to the California Post that he supported longtime UCLA professor Judea Pearl, who tore into the university for hosting the lawyer representing the jihadist behind the execution of his journalist son, journalist Daniel Pearl.

"Judea Pearl is a deeply valued member of the UCLA community, and I have profound respect for him, for the memory of his son Daniel, and for his decades-long commitment to combating antisemitism, terrorism and hatred," Frenk said.

"The brutal murder of Daniel Pearl was an act of unspeakable evil, and I support Judea and his family. We also mourn the thousands of lives lost from the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, as well as the suffering of countless families and communities."

He went on to blast event, which covered two days and also included an appearance by a Yale professor who labeled post-9/11 counterterrorism efforts "racist."

"UCLA's values are clear. We reject antisemitism and terrorism in all their forms, and we believe our campus must be a place where the dignity of every member of our community is respected," Frenk continued.

"Nothing about this event at the UCLA School of Law, which we do not endorse, changes or qualifies those commitments."

Daniel Pearl was decapitated by Mohammed in Pakistan in 2002 after being lured there for a supposed interview with an Islamic scholar. One of Mohammed's lawyers, Melanie T. Partow, was set to speak at the event on Friday.

Frenk suggested the event — which invited no victims of the attack, but welcomed leftist speakers, including one who said Israel "should be attacked"— had given voice to the wrong guests.

"Academic freedom does not require us to be neutral about antisemitism or terrorism," said Frenk, who became UCLA's seventh chancellor in January 2025.

"Speaking at UCLA should never be mistaken for the university's approval, endorsement, or acceptance of an individual's viewpoints, or our institution's indifference to the pain their presence may cause members of our community.

"In this case, I understand why Professor Pearl and others are deeply hurt. Judea's voice, and the history behind it, deserve to be heard with the seriousness and humanity they demand."

Judea told The Post that he was taken aback by the event.

"Colleagues inform me that, sadly, UCLA Law School is guilty of such practice: Weaponizing the painful days of 9/11 and 10/7 to promote hateful ideologies," he said.

He added: "Having lost a son to such an ideology, I stand ashamed of my university."

The educator added that he felt any 9/11 event should commemorate victims of the attack.

"A September 11th event should be used to commemorate the victims of that attack: Innocent Americans," he said...

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Full story at https://nypost.com/2026/09/11/us-news/ucla-chancellor-condemns-controversial-9-11-campus-event/.

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Note 1: Before the chancellor commented, a "spokesman" for UCLA had released the following statement, according to the article above:

"*Events organized by an individual UCLA Law program, centers, or institutes — and the views expressed — do not imply endorsement by UCLA Law, and neither the language of this symposium nor the views of its speakers should be understood as representing the school as a whole," the spokesman said. "UCLA Law does not review or approve these choices, nor does the school withdraw invitations because a speaker or viewpoint is sensitive or controversial*."

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Note 2: According to the Daily Bruin, Murphy Hall originally helped publicize the Law School event at a local neighborhood council:

...Carmen Zambrano, an assistant director for UCLA Government Relations, said... that the School of Law will host a symposium on the impacts of 9/11 on the United States' legal and political systems after 25 years...

Full story at https://dailybruin.com/2026/09/09/north-westwood-neighborhood-council-recap-sept-2-2.

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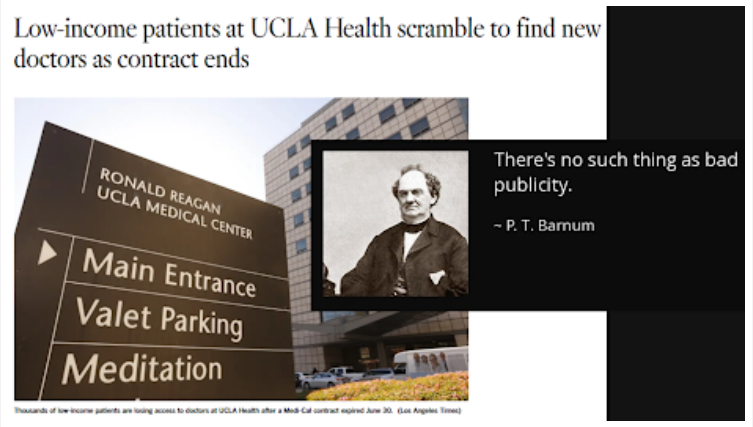
Does the Barnum Rule Still Apply?


Low-income patients at UCLA Health scramble to find new doctors as contract ends
RONALD REAGAN UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
Main Entrance
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There's no such thing as bad publicity.
~ P. T. Barnum

From the LA Times:

Thousands of low-income patients, some seriously ill, are scrambling to find new doctors as they lose access to UCLA Health physicians after a longtime Medi-Cal contract was not renewed. Under the contract that expired June 30, UCLA had been providing specialty care to 9,000 medically frail patients from Health Care LA, an association of nonprofit clinics that serve patients covered by Medi-Cal, the state program for the poor. "Many of these patients have been waiting for months to be seen by UCLA specialty medicine providers and are now being told they cannot receive the care they desperately need," Health Care LA said...

University officials... pointed to "capacity issues" at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Westwood, including in the emergency room and dozens of specialty clinics... [University spokesperson Phil] Hampton said UCLA had offered to extend the contract, but Health Care LA rejected the offer...

Full story at https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2026-09-05/low-income-patients-at-ucla-health-scramble-to-find-new-doctors-as-contract-ends.

NOTE: Keep in mind that negotiating tactics in these kinds of contracts can include PR.

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Labels: health care, UCLA

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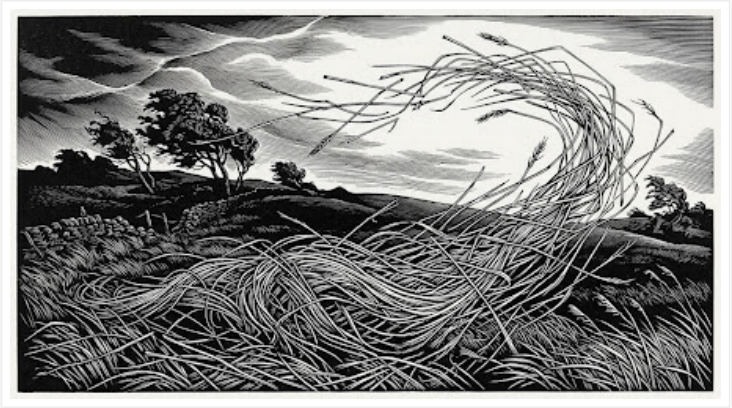

From the Daily Pennsylvanian: *Several administrative and other staff members at Penn's School of Nursing were recently laid off as part of cuts to the school's operating budget, multiple employees told The Daily Pennsylvanian. Five Nursing affiliates — who requested anonymity for fear of retribution — attributed the job losses to University-wide spending reductions driven by federal funding uncertainty. One employee estimated that seven or eight individuals were terminated from their positions. Penn's fiscal year 2027 budget states that the school "continues to monitor the challenging federal funding environment and is modeling and budgeting the projected impact."*

Multiple requests for comment were left with Penn Nursing. The budget comes after Penn directed all schools and centers to reduce certain expenditures by 4% in January, citing "uncertainty about how evolving federal policy changes might impact" the University...

Full story at https://www.thedp.com/article/2026/09/penn-nursing-layoffs-staff-federal-funding-cuts-budget.

at September 12, 2026 No comments:

Labels: politics, U of Pennsylvania

Another Scam for Authors: Delete & Don't Respond

Dear [redacted]

My name is Dilpti, and I coordinate the Readary-Book Club in Bangalore,india, a dynamic community of 5,367 avid readers who enjoy engaging with stories that are emotionally rich, thought-provoking, and impactful.

Our members recently discovered your book, [redacted] and it quickly stood out as a title of strong interest. We would be delighted to include it in an upcoming book club session, as it aligns closely with the type of literature our members appreciate and enjoy discussing.

Following each selection, our group participates in in-depth discussions and shares thoughtful reviews across platforms such as Goodreads, Amazon, and Book Club. These conversations often help broaden a book's reach through authentic reader engagement and word-of-mouth.

We would be honored to feature your work and kindly request your confirmation on whether you would be open to us including your book in our upcoming schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the possibility of sharing your work with our community.

Warm regards,
Dilpti

Here is what AI has to say about this email message:

The email you received from the "Readary Book Club" in Bangalore is a coordinated, AI-driven phishing and fee-charging scam. Independent, self-published, and traditionally published authors are being heavily targeted worldwide by scammers using fake or impersonated book clubs to exploit their need for book promotion.

How this Scam Works

Target Scraping: Scammers use AI tools to scrape data from Amazon, Goodreads, and publisher websites to gather author contact info, book titles, and descriptions.

Flattering Opener: You receive an unsolicited, warm email from a generic address (usually Gmail or Yahoo) praising your work. The text reads like they genuinely loved your story, but the text is actually generated by AI to appeal to your emotions.

Fake Credentials: They claim to be an exclusive, highly active book club in a specific location (like Bangalore, London, or New York) consisting of "hundreds" or "thousands" of eager readers.

Financial Bait (The Catch): If you reply, they will shift to a proposal. They will offer to make your book their "monthly feature" or "spotlight selection," but they will demand a "spotlight fee," "participation fee," or "shipping fee" (typically between $55 and $350 USD).

Red Flags to Look For: Free Email Domain: The sender uses a generic email address (@gmail.com) rather than a professional domain linked to an official website.

No Online Footprint: Searching for the specific book club yields no active local website, distinct Meetup group, or verified social media presence.

Upfront Demands: They ask for money via untraceable or non-reversible channels like PayPal "Friends and Family" or third-party contracts.

A Real Book Club Never Charges Authors: Legitimate reader communities select books because they want to read them; they never invoice the author for the privilege of being discussed.

What You Should Do Next: Do not reply to the email. Engaging with them confirms your email address is active, which will trigger even more spam. Do not send files or free digital manuscript copies (PDFs/EPUBs).

Mark as Spam and block the sender immediately.

at September 12, 2026 No comments:

Labels: email fraud

Disclosure in the Context of Closure

Closed Cases - Closed Childcare

From the Daily Bruin: *A 4-year-old student at a UCLA childcare center was reported to child protective services for exhibiting symptoms of sexual abuse in May 2018. UCPD and LAPD both received notice of the incident, but both law enforcement agencies closed their cases without arresting anyone or interviewing the child or their parents. Nearly six years later, the student's teacher was arrested for a separate case of child sexual abuse...*

Christopher Rodriguez, the child's teacher who worked at University Village from 2001-20, was convicted of nine misdemeanor charges – including willful cruelty to a child and sexual battery against a minor – in April 2025. He had been a teacher at UCLA's Early Care and Education centers, which mostly serve UCLA employees' and students' children, for nearly 25 years before he was arrested in February 2024...

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Darnell Hunt announced Aug. 13 that UCLA's ECE centers – including Krieger and University Village – would shut down in June 2027 because of enrollment and financial issues. Hunt did not mention the sexual abuse case in his email announcement to parents.

Full story at https://dailybruin.com/2026/09/09/ucpd-received-notice-of-suspected-child-sex-abuse-years-before-childcare-teachers-arrest.

at September 12, 2026 No comments:

Labels: UCLA

Friday, September 11, 2026

25th Anniversary: Sept. 11, 2001

UCLA students watch TV newscast of attack on World Trade Center, Sept. 11, 2001.

The New York Times
U.S. ATTACKED
HIJACKED JETS DESTROY TWIN TOWERS AND HIT PENTAGON IN DAY OF TERROR
A CREEPING HORROR
President Vows to Exact Punishment for 'Evil'
In Speech, Bush Says Terrorism Cannot Prevail
Awaiting the Aftershocks

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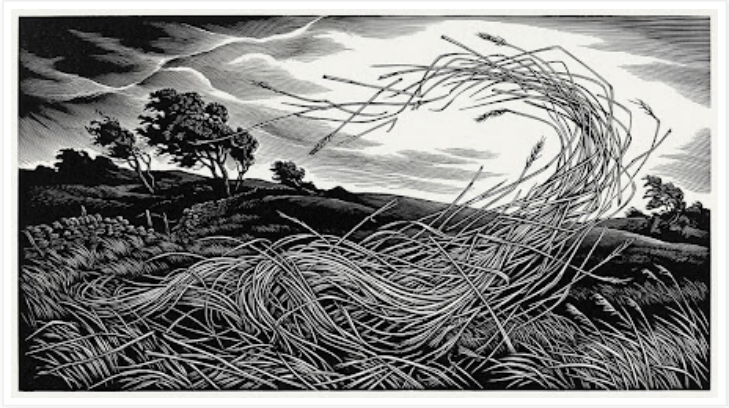
Labels: miscellaneous, UCLA

Straws in the Wind - Part 461



From the Cornell Daily Sun: *The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals granted Cornell and four other elite universities permission to appeal a federal judge's decision to certify a class of approximately 200,000 current and former students in a long-running antitrust lawsuit on Aug. 24. In a class action lawsuit, one or more plaintiffs file the suit on behalf of a larger group, known as the class, whose members may receive compensation based on the harm done to them. Certifying a class means allowing the contended group to proceed with litigation.*

...The lawsuit, Henry et al. v. Brown University et al., alleges that 17 highly-selective universities including Cornell created an unlawful price-fixing scheme that reduced competition for financial aid and favored wealthy students under a group known as the 568 Presidents Group, which would violate the Sherman Antitrust Act. The Act federally prohibits monopolistic competition in interstate trade and commerce. Between 2023 and 2025, 12 of the accused universities settled for nearly $320 million in total, with some payments reaching Cornell students and alumni over the summer.

Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Georgetown University and the University of Notre Dame are the five remaining defendants in the suit, which was filed in 2022. The appeals court based its decision to allow the universities to appeal on whether or not the study, a regression analysis done by the plaintiff's expert, was "adequately analyzed" by Judge Matthew F. Kennelly, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois...

Full story at https://www.cornellsun.com/article/2026/09/7tcslsfcnv3n.

at September 11, 2026 No comments:

The 405 This Weekend

From Patch: Traffic will once again be impacted on the 405 Freeway and nearby roads beginning Friday when construction will shut down several lanes and ramps of the interstate in the Sepulveda Pass and San Fernando Valley for the entire weekend.

Here's a look at the closures, planned for 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 through 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14:

- The southbound 405 will be reduced to three lanes between Ventura Boulevard and Mulholland Drive
- The Ventura Boulevard on-ramp to the southbound 405 will be closed
- The southbound 405 off-ramp to Valley Vista Boulevard/Sepulveda Boulevard will be closed
- The Valley Vista Boulevard/Sepulveda Boulevard on-ramp to the southbound 405 will be closed
- The northbound 405 off-ramp to Getty Center Drive will be closed

Source: https://patch.com/california/santamonica/s/kq755/major-405-freeway-closures-return-friday-last-through-monday.

at September 11, 2026 No comments:

Labels: traffic, transportation, UCLA

Yale Deal - Part 14

From the Yale Daily News: *A centuries-old debate over whether Yale buildings should be exempt from Connecticut property tax is taking center stage amid the University's controversial settlement negotiations with the Trump administration... State Democratic legislators threatened to revisit the exemption in a July letter that urged Yale not to settle with the federal government and implored that it bring the Trump administration to court over the Department of Justice's inquiry...*

Yale's earliest tax exemption was included in a 1745 revision of its original 1701 charter. That exemption was confirmed in Article 8 of the state's 1818 constitution. An 1834 proviso set the income cap for tax-exempt properties at $6,000 and removed a former exemption on the homes of Yale faculty members. Other Connecticut colleges and universities are similarly exempt from taxation per state statutes... The exemption's roots in a colonial agreement do not necessarily protect it from alteration, University of Virginia Legal Historian George White GRD '67 wrote in an email...

The lawmakers who signed onto the July letter wrote that Yale's original purpose of fitting students for public employment has become, in the "modern era," an obligation to stand "as an anchor institution for free thought, free inquiry, and constitutional government." A potential settlement with the Trump administration, they wrote, would jeopardize that obligation... Law professor and property law expert David Schleicher said in a Zoom interview that it is unlikely that a court would "ever say that Yale is not fulfilling the terms" of the state constitution. However, it would be "good for Yale to be popular in the state of Connecticut," he said. The real implication of the letter, he suggested, is "'if you do this, it would really piss us off.'" ...

Full story at https://yaledailynews.com/articles/could-connecticut-revoke-yale-s-centuries-old-property-tax-exemption.

at September 11, 2026 No comments:

Labels: politics, Yale

Who did it? And what was it?

From the Daily Californian: *For two weeks, researchers and students in the electrical engineering and computer sciences department at UC Berkeley have been left in the dark concerning a massive and ongoing cybersecurity incident. UC Berkeley is still investigating the incident and officials have told The Daily Californian that law enforcement has been notified. While most EECS systems are now operational, some remain inactive as campus IT personnel work to fully restore the network. The outage began Aug. 25, when all EECS Instructional & Research Information Systems, or IRIS, infrastructure was knocked offline... Campus spokesperson Janet Gilmore later told the Daily Cal in an email that campus began "containment efforts" the following day — claiming campus IT then took down "several systems" as part of a "comprehensive security protocol." ...*

Campus administration has refused to provide details about the known scope or severity of the incident and continues to avoid referring to it as a hack or cyberattack. Gilmore did confirm that UC Berkeley reported the incident to "law enforcement"; however, she declined to name the specific agency or investigative body. Most details about the incident remain unclear...

Full story https://www.dailycal.org/news/campus/uc-berkeley-ai-researchers-left-in-dark-following-sweeping-eecs-cybersecurity-incident/article_7f60ce15-c13c-4d6e-9f83-8db8fd83f0e2.html.

at September 11, 2026 No comments:

Labels: email fraud, UC-Berkeley

Thursday, September 10, 2026

US DOJ vs. Berkeley Law

From the US Dept. of Justice: *The U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) announced today joint investigative findings that the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Berkeley Law) deliberately discriminates against white and Asian students in its admissions process. Berkeley Law's discriminatory conduct violates Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race or color, and the U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 decision in Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard (SFFA), which banned race discrimination in higher education.*

...The Department's investigation found that post-SFFA, Berkeley Law uses race, essay prompts, and other tactics to further its admissions diversity goals. For instance, Berkeley's application asked applicants to specify their racial identity, so that admitted students could be "grouped" with others of the same "primary identity" in class. In other words, Berkeley Law intentionally separates admitted students by race...

Full news release at https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/joint-investigation-us-justice-department-and-us-department-education-finds-uc-berkeley-law.

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Findings letter at https://www.justice.gov/crt/media/1460556/dl.

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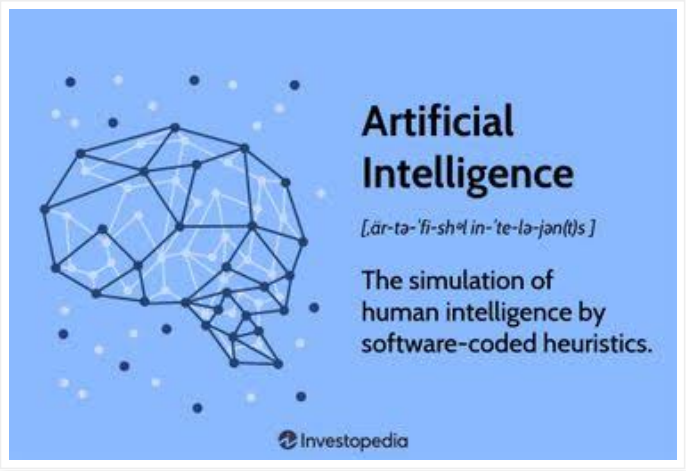
From the California Post: ...*[Law dean Erwin] Chemerinsky pushed back on the DOJ's allegations, insisting race plays no role in the law school's admissions decisions. "University of California, Berkeley School of Law in its admissions decisions scrupulously complies with Proposition 209, federal statutes, and the United States Constitution. Our admissions policy is clear that race is not considered in any way in admissions decisions," Chemerinsky said in a statement...*

Full story at https://nypost.com/2026/09/09/us-news/uc-berkeley-law-intentionally-discriminated-against-white-asian-applicants-doj/.

at September 10, 2026 No comments:

Labels: diversity, politics, UC-Berkeley

Artificial



To Gemini:

Please summarize the article at

https://www.dailycal.org/news/berkeley-s-ghostwriter-ai-writing-permeates-campus-student-and-city-communications/article_51f15dd0-d432-4831-a4f0-eb2c2a38e607.html

From Gemini:

Based on the investigation by The Daily Californian, here is a summary of Berkeley's ghostwriter: AI writing permeates campus, student and city communications:

Key Takeaways

Investigation Scope: Staff from The Daily Californian's news and data departments analyzed over 1,000 published works and 1 million scanned words using AI-detection software (Pangram) to track how deeply AI tools have integrated into local, campus, and public communications.

Widespread Adoption: AI-generated or AI-assisted writing was detected across nearly all domains and public correspondence levels, including op-eds, messages to students, recorded public remarks, official campus communications, city-level media posts, and even obituaries.

Recent Surge: The study indicates that broad usage of generative AI writing in these sectors is a recent development, with the majority of positive AI flags occurring in materials published within the past year.

Student Government Use: Generative AI usage was particularly prevalent in student politics, with 42.1% (62 out of 143) of ASUC Senate resolutions passed in the 2025–2026 academic year flagging positive for AI writing or editing.

Institutional Responses:

UC Berkeley's official communications policy does not explicitly ban AI-assisted writing.

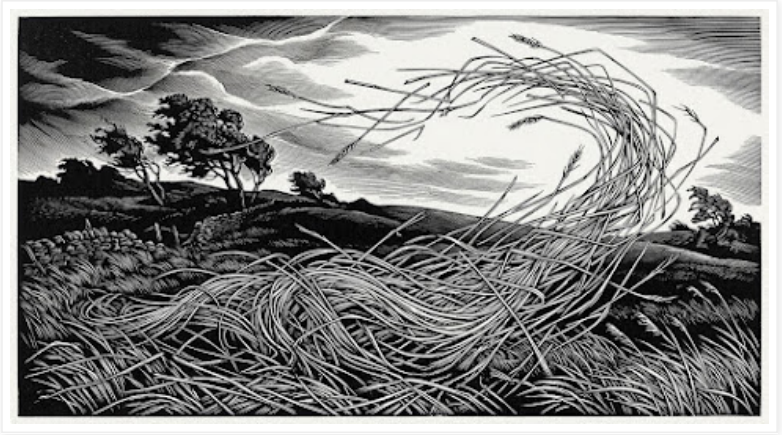
Leadership, including Chancellor Rich Lyons, acknowledges that adapting to AI is crucial for student job preparation, though specific guidelines for administrative or student communications remain vague.

Nuance & Limitations: The article notes the inherent limitations of automated AI detectors (such as potential false positives) and opens a discussion on where the line should be drawn between minor AI editing and total AI generation in public correspondence.

at September 10, 2026 No comments:

Labels: UC-Berkeley

Straws in the Wind - Part 460



From Inside Higher Ed: *Starting this fall, the University of Pennsylvania will require students to satisfy prerequisite requirements for six advanced calculus and algebra courses. The change comes as college officials across the country are working to address incoming students' declining math skills. Penn's math prerequisites aren't new; they have always been listed alongside course descriptions in the catalog, but now the university will verify them instead of relying on students to decide whether or not they meet the requirements, according to Molly McGlone, deputy dean of undergraduate studies in the College of Arts & Sciences.*

"Faculty in Math and other disciplines have carefully designed the courses in a sequential manner to support student learning. Students who are in courses that they are not adequately prepared for can often run into challenges." ...

Full story at https://www.insidehighered.com/news/faculty/learning-assessment/2026/09/01/penn-now-enforcing-math-prerequisites.

at September 10, 2026 No comments:

Labels: U of Pennsylvania

Yale Deal - Part 13

From the Yale Daily News: *The U.S. Treasury Department introduced a rule that would strip federal tax-exempt status from private universities the Trump administration deems as engaging in racial discrimination, including in admissions and school programs. The proposal... arrives as Yale and a slew of other universities are under investigation by the U.S. Justice Department for alleged discrimination against white and Asian applicants in their admissions processes. In May, the Justice Department accused the Yale Medical School of engaging in racial discrimination, and in July, University President Maurie McInnis confirmed that the investigation had expanded to include Yale College and Yale Law School...*

The Treasury proposal is part of a broader effort by the Trump administration to force schools to abandon diversity measures or policies that benefit minority students... Yale spokesperson Karen Peart wrote in a statement to the News that Yale will "carefully review" the proposed rule. "Yale is committed to following the law and does not tolerate discrimination of any kind," Peart wrote...

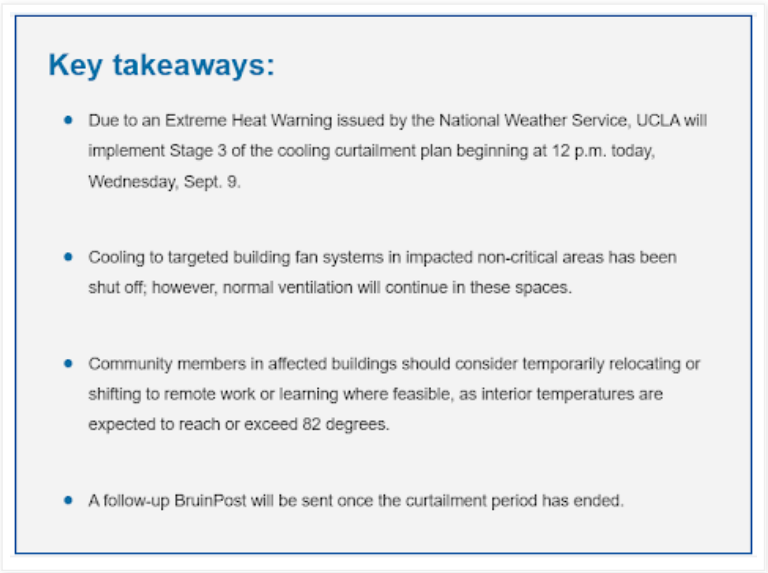
Full story at https://yaledailynews.com/articles/treasury-threatens-tax-exempt-status-of-schools-with-diversity-programs.

at September 10, 2026 No comments:

Labels: diversity, politics, Yale

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Maybe you don't want to be on campus today



Key takeaways:

- Due to an Extreme Heat Warning issued by the National Weather Service, UCLA will implement Stage 3 of the cooling curtailment plan beginning at 12 p.m. today, Wednesday, Sept. 9.
- Cooling to targeted building fan systems in impacted non-critical areas has been shut off; however, normal ventilation will continue in these spaces.
- Community members in affected buildings should consider temporarily relocating or shifting to remote work or learning where feasible, as interior temperatures are expected to reach or exceed 82 degrees.
- A follow-up BruinPost will be sent once the curtailment period has ended.

at September 09, 2026 No comments:

Labels: UCLA

Flock

From the Daily Californian: *Resistance to UC Berkeley's employment of controversial surveillance technology company Flock Security is intensifying as campus faces growing criticism and a lawsuit over records related to its data-sharing practices. The UC Board of Regents is facing a lawsuit over UC Berkeley's alleged failure to disclose certain public records relating to UCPD's automated license plate reader system. At the same time, student organizers have begun calling for campus to DeFlock, or end its contract with Flock. The petition was filed Friday, Aug. 28 in the Superior Court of Alameda County by Daniel Negrete, director of The Ellis Collective, a student-led research group under the Students' Civil Liberties Union...*

Campus spokesperson Dan Mogulof said UC Berkeley had received the suit. He said in an email that campus does not generally comment on litigation but that "the records have been released." ... Mogulof told The Daily Californian in May that UC Berkeley does not permit sharing of ALPR data for immigration enforcement purposes and that it does not share data with federal agencies. According to Mogulof, campus's Flock system has been used in more than 100 investigations to generate leads, identify suspects and make arrests. He also noted that Flock cameras have been "instrumental" in closing several "significant" felony investigations.

According to Negrete, a separate lawsuit he filed over UC Riverside's alleged failure to furnish similar public records remains ongoing...

Full story at https://www.dailycal.org/news/campus/uc-berkeley-faces-lawsuit-over-flock-records-as-surveillance-controversy-grows/article_086da292-7cee-43c3-b12e-50f556c6d21b.html.

at September 09, 2026 No comments:

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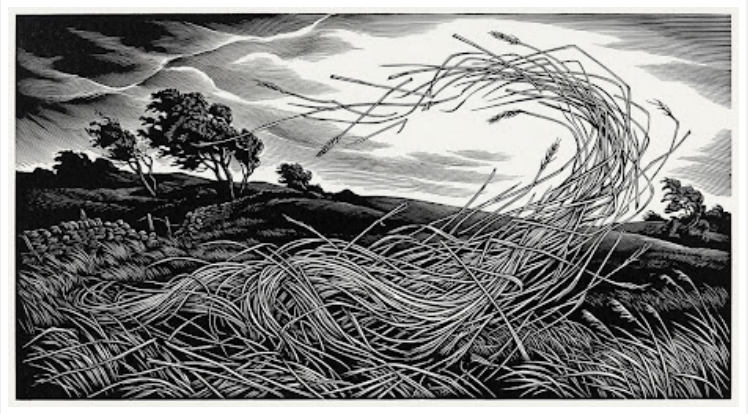
Straws in the Wind - Part 459



From Inside Higher Ed: *The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has ended a study abroad program with Fudan University in China "out of an abundance of caution" after the Department of Defense ordered the university to review relationships with foreign institutions that it says could be a threat to national security. In a letter... to Joseph S. Sewell, the DOD assistant secretary for science and technology, UNC Chancellor Lee Roberts said the institution reviewed the scope of its relationship with Fudan after the Shanghai-based institution was added to the department's Section 1286 list of "foreign institutions engaging in problematic activities" at the end of July.*

"The identified relationship was a study-abroad program for undergraduate students and was unrelated to research activities, including sensitive research, Department of War-funded research or export-controlled research," Roberts wrote. "Out of an abundance of caution, UNC decided on August 12, 2026 to cancel the study-abroad program with Fudan University." ...

Full story at https://www.insidehighered.com/news/quick-takes/2026/08/31/unc-ends-study-abroad-program-china.

at September 09, 2026 No comments:

Labels: politics, U of North Carolina

New Interim Provost

From UCOP:

University of California President James B. Milliken today announced the appointment of Ralph J. Hexter as systemwide interim provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs, effective

September 1, 2026. Hexter will serve in the role until the University's next permanent provost is appointed.

"Ralph is an accomplished scholar and experienced academic leader who understands the University of California and shares our commitment to its public mission," Milliken said. "His sound judgment, collaborative approach, and breadth of experience as a faculty member, dean, provost, chancellor and college president will serve UC exceptionally well. I am grateful that he has agreed to return to help lead the University's academic mission during this important period."

As interim provost, Hexter will work closely with campus leaders, the Academic Senate, Regents, UCOP leaders, and other partners to advance the University's academic mission...

Full news release at https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/ralph-j-hexter-appointed-interim-provost-university-california.

Presumably, the new provost will play some role at the upcoming September Regents meetings.

More information at https://complit.ucdavis.edu/people/ralph-hexter.

at September 09, 2026 No comments:

Labels: UC Regents, UCOP

Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 198

From the Harvard Crimson: *Harvard faculty in the humanities and social sciences expressed broad concern over an email Harvard College Dean David J. Deming sent students... suggesting that artificial intelligence be integrated into "writing-intensive" courses. Deming identified "AI use policies" as a priority for the academic year in the... message, saying he hoped to roll out College-wide advisory guidelines on AI by the end of the year and proposing "AI acceptance or even encouragement" in writing- and project- heavy classes. He added that the approach would help affiliates avoid "the AI-detection business because it damages trust between faculty and students." ...*

In interviews and written statements, most faculty in writing-intensive fields agreed that they wanted to avoid policing student AI use but remained divided on Deming's broader proposal for "AI acceptance, or even encouragement." Faculty in the humanities and social sciences have generally shied from incorporating AI into their courses...

Full story at https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2026/9/3/humanities-ai-pushback-deming/.

at September 09, 2026 No comments:

Labels: Harvard, plagiarism

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

No Additional News

UC Davis professor, former dean among thousands missing in Nepal floods

TARINI MEHTA

Two professors at the University of California, Davis are among the thousands still missing after catastrophic flash floods swept through parts of Nepal on Aug. 26. Nearly 1,300 people have been killed in the disaster and more than 5,000 remain missing, according to Nepal's disaster management agency.

Rao and Vasu Unnava, both professors at the UC Davis Graduate School of Management, were staying in a hotel in Timure, Nepal, when the flash floods occurred, ac-

A Buddhist monk looks at photographs of missing and deceased people pasted on a wall outside Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, following flash floods and a mudslide, in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Sept. 1.

Internet search and AI indicate no further developments in the case of the two missing Davis faculty members about which we posted on Sept. 5th.

at September 08, 2026 No comments:

Labels: UC-Davis

ICE Barrier

Note that the item below, while referring to UC-Berkeley, presumably would apply to all UC campuses.

From the Daily Californian: ***Campus international undergraduate students can no longer receive academic credit for most internships completed in study abroad programs, including the University of California Washington Center program, or UCDC.*** *This comes as a response to two U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement guidance memos sent to campus in August. The federal guidance memos stated that international students can only use internship experience to receive academic credit if it is integral to the completion of their degree, and is "directly related to the student's major area of study." If campus does not ensure this requirement is followed, it may lose its ability to enroll international students.*

As a result, campus indefinitely paused the processing of applications for Course Credit Curricular Practical Training, or CPT, a program that allows international students to receive credits toward their degree when pursuing internships and work experience. ***"We will need more time to consult with legal counsel, and to develop new processes that align with ICE requirements,"*** *said Berkeley International Office Director Ivor Emmanuel.*

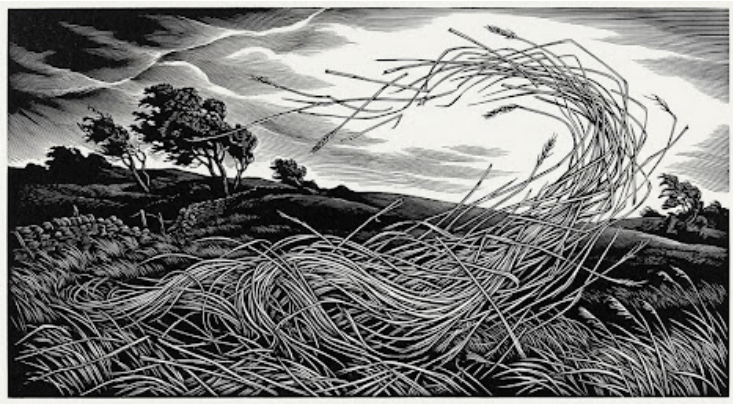
Under Department of Homeland Security standards, international students living in the United States through an F-1 visa are required to enroll in a full-time course load to keep their visa status, unless exempted by special circumstances. According to Emmanuel, international students who had planned to use current internships for academic credit still have to meet this requirement and "will have to identify alternate courses." ...

Full story at https://www.dailycal.org/news/campus/administration/international-students-interning-abroad-lose-course-credit-due-to-ice-warning/article_ffbcd825-4248-4aec-8b60-c5319d9d713c.html.

at September 08, 2026 No comments:

Labels: diversity, politics, UC, UC-Berkeley

Straws in the Wind - Part 458



From the Brown Daily Herald: *It is "highly unlikely" that the Dec. 13 mass shooting could have been prevented by Brown, according to the executive summary of an after-action review conducted by global consulting firm Teneo. But Teneo found that low DPS staffing levels were disadvantageous to their response and the University's siren system should have been activated in the wake of the shooting...*

The summary identified leadership gaps and understaffing in the Brown Department of Public Safety as well as a history of trespassing in Barus and Holley — the site of the shooting — but ultimately concluded it is unlikely that these security concerns affected the outcome of the shooting... Teneo found that DPS officers responded "rapidly, effectively and heroically" to the shooting...

Full story at https://www.browndailyherald.com/article/2026/08/external-review-finds-dec-13-shooting-likely-could-not-have-been-prevented.

at September 08, 2026 No comments:

Labels: Brown University

Ad Hoc or Master Plan - Thanks, but no thanks

**Assemblymember Dorothy M. Donahoe
who pushed the 1960 Master Plan through the
Legislature (Donahoe Act)
but died before it was signed.**

We have been noting the erosion of the old Master Plan and the substitution of *ad hoc* legislative enactments, essentially at the behest of the community colleges. It seems the community colleges got the bills they wanted through the legislature and now that they are sitting on the governor's desk, they don't like what they got. From CalMatters:

California's community colleges have been trying for several years to offer more bachelor's degrees. This year, they put their hopes in two sweeping bills designed to help them do that. But lawmakers made massive, last-minute changes that prompted the state's community colleges to now oppose the legislation. The abrupt change of heart, spurred by new limits on how much the colleges could grow their bachelor's programs, didn't influence the outcomes of the bills, Senate Bill 960 by Sen. Christopher Cabaldon, a Democrat from Napa, and Assembly Bill 2694 by David Alvarez, also a Democrat from Chula Vista. Both passed...

Colleges would be able to offer an additional two to 12 bachelor's degrees starting in 2028 depending on their students' certificate, degree and transfer completion rates. No college district could propose more than three new degrees per year and districts would need to prove that there's a workforce need in their region to justify the creation of a bachelor's degree. That's a claim the state's labor secretary would step in to validate if the California State University system objects, as has regularly occurred in the pitched policy disputes between the community colleges and the university...

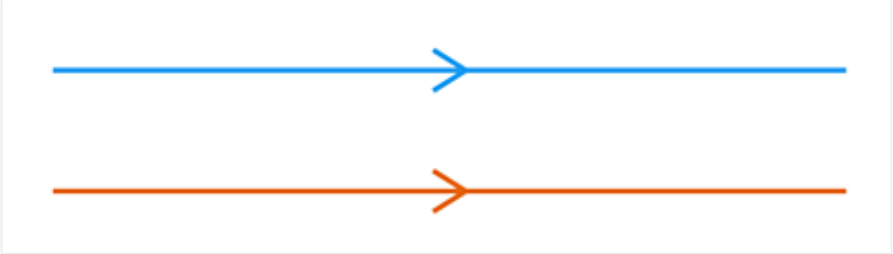
"We're being asked to … support a process that is not completely understood or vetted at the last minute, and so that's just not great policymaking," said Larry Galizio, president and CEO of the Community College League of California, an association representing community college presidents and board leaders...

Full story at https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2026/09/community-college-bachelors-degrees-california/.

at September 08, 2026 No comments:

Labels: community colleges, governor, legislature, Master Plan, politics

Parallel Blogs / Subscribing



We have been putting out this blog since 2009 under the heading "UCLA Faculty Association" using the link:

https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/

The blog site was originally created by the then-executive director of the Faculty Association. As such, yours truly does not have control of the site; he is simply a blogger on it. So when technical issues arise, that can be a problem. Given that issue, we have been adding a parallel site with the same blog entries since July 23rd:

https://danmitchellsblogcontinues.blogspot.com/

We will be running the two in parallel for the indefinite future. Possibly, at some point we will switch to the new link.

If you read the blog using the Facebook page of Yousee Elayemeriti, you can continue to do so:

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Note and full disclosure: There are ads on these notifications.

at September 08, 2026 No comments:

Labels: miscellaneous

Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 197

From the Harvard Crimson: *Faculty soured on Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean Hopi E. Hoekstra amid broad-scale austerity measures this year, according to The Crimson's annual FAS survey. Thirty-one percent of respondents said they were either "somewhat satisfied" or "very satisfied" with Hoekstra's tenure as FAS dean, a sharp reversal from last year, when 57 percent said they were satisfied with her leadership. That figure marks the lowest approval rating she has had on the survey since stepping into the role.*

Satisfaction with Harvard President Alan M. Garber '76 also saw a notable dip, falling from 74 percent at the acme of Harvard's battle with the White House to roughly 56 percent this spring. Hoekstra drew the highest dissatisfaction of the three senior administrators measured in the survey: 43 percent said they were "very" or "somewhat" dissatisfied with her tenure, compared with 35 percent who said the same of Harvard Provost John F. Manning '82 and 26 percent of Garber...

Full story at https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2026/9/4/fas-2026-survey-hoekstra/.

at September 08, 2026 No comments:

Labels: Harvard

Monday, September 7, 2026

Ad Hoc or Master Plan

**Assemblymember Dorothy M. Donahoe
who pushed the 1960 Master Plan through the
Legislature (Donahoe Act)
but died before it was signed.**

In an earlier post (Aug. 26), we noted that bills were moving through the legislature that would enhance the ability of community colleges to offer 4-year degrees. And we called for a new Master Plan process rather than *ad hoc* policy from the legislature. The bills are now on the governor's desk. Whether he will sign or veto is unknown. The immediate issue regarding community colleges is more a concern for CSU than UC. But the absence of a Master Plan is a long run concern for UC.

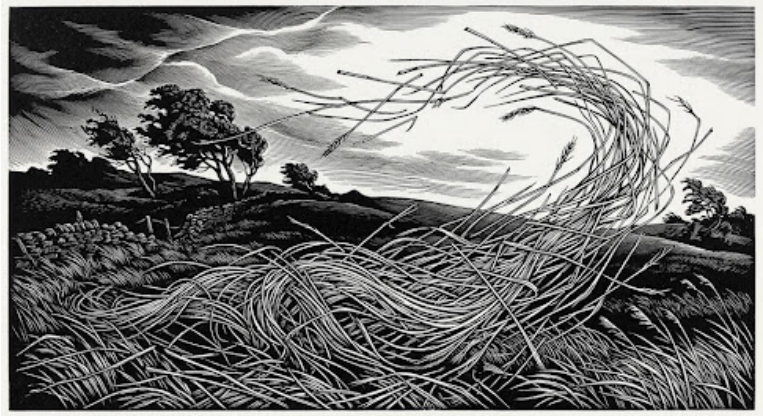
From the LA Times: ...*Newsom has not signaled his view. He has rejected previous attempts since 2024 to let community colleges grant nursing bachelor's degrees, when he warned such moves could cause conflict among the state's three higher education systems*...

Full story at https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-09-01/california-community-college-bachelors-degrees-newsom-bills.

at September 07, 2026 No comments:

Labels: community colleges, CSU, governor, legislature, Master Plan, politics, UC

Straws in the Wind - Part 457



From the Cornell Daily Sun: *All first-year undergraduate students at Cornell will be enrolled in the University's newly-developed AI Critical Literacy Program after its Spring 2026 launch... The two-hour long Canvas course discusses four different topics related to AI: how AI works, the ethical implications of AI, the impact of AI on education and tools to create a personal "AI policy." The course is required for all first-year students at the beginning of the fall semester. The program aims to "help participants make more informed decisions about how and whether to use AI in*

general, and to inspire conversations where faculty and students can learn from each other," according to its website.

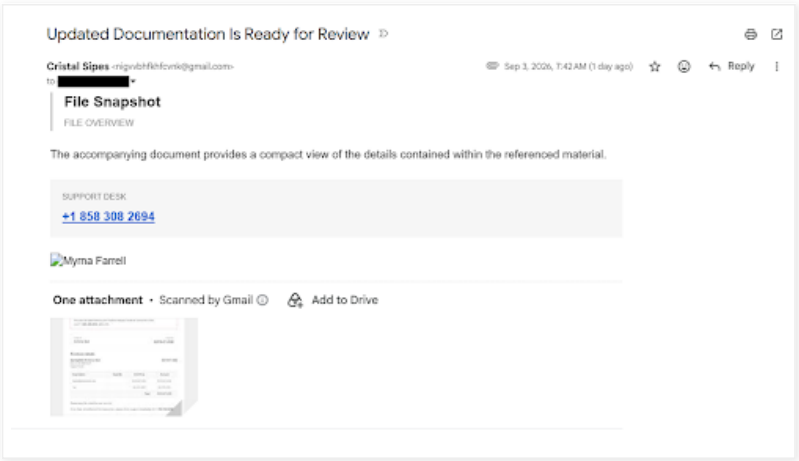
While first-year undergraduate students are automatically enrolled in the course, other members of the Cornell community, including upper-level undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and staff, are able to self-enroll in the course for their own personal interest...

Full story at https://www.cornellsun.com/article/2026/08/cornell-launches-ai-critical-literacy-program-for-all-first-year-undergraduate-students.

at September 07, 2026 No comments:

Labels: Cornell

You surely know not to respond or even click on this email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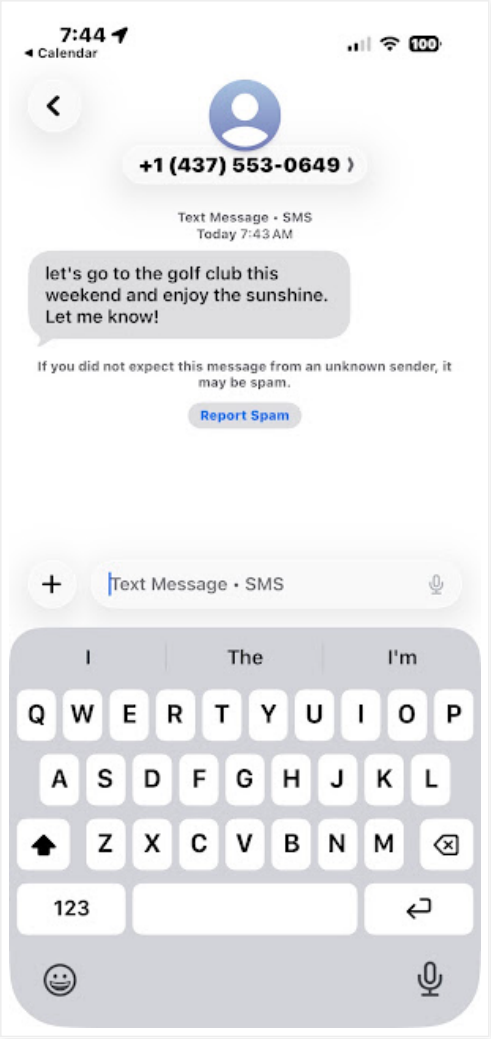
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Mysterious inquiries as above should be deleted. Do not respond.

at September 07, 2026 No comments:

Labels: email fraud

Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 196

From the Harvard Crimson: *Harvard College student organizations must coordinate with University officials before accepting external donations under a new requirement in the 2026-27 student handbook. A draft version of policy updates to the handbook circulated at a May Faculty of Arts Sciences meeting only stated that student organizations would be "strongly encouraged to adopt policies consistent with Harvard's university-wide guidance." But the final handbook language goes further, dropping the encouragement language and instead requiring groups to "coordinate" with the College's development office before accepting external donations...*

The policy notes that those restrictions may apply particularly when an international program involves compensation. Federal sanctions broadly restrict certain financial transactions, services, and other activities involving sanctioned individuals, entities, or countries... The policy changes come amid heightened federal scrutiny of Harvard's financial and academic ties abroad...

Full story at https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2026/9/4/external-donation-new-policy/.

at September 07, 2026 No comments:

Labels: Harvard, politics

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Less than meets the eye - Part 2

Undoubtedly, there will be public comment on AB 713 now on the governor's desk for signature or veto at the September Regents meeting (unless he vetoes it before the meeting). As we have noted previously (see Aug. 13 on this blog), the bill actually leaves the decision on whether UC can hire undocumented students to the Regents. It is a mandate for CSU and the community colleges but permissive for UC.

From CalMatters: *Is this the year that Gov. Gavin Newsom allows students without legal status to legally work at California's public colleges and universities? A state bill with wide support from Democrats but opposed by Republicans seeks to do just that by adopting an untested legal theory that argues a 1980s federal law banning employment for people without legal status doesn't apply to state agencies. But university leaders and Newsom worry that acting on the theory could put the state on another collision course with the Trump administration.*

The bill easily cleared the Legislature Friday, including a yes vote from one Republican. The bill now heads to Newsom's desk. Assembly Bill 713 by Assemblymember José Luis Solache, a Democrat from Lakewood, is seemingly straightforward: The University of California, California State University and community colleges cannot disqualify students without legal status from campus employment. If it becomes law, it would kick in Jan. 6...

Full story at https://calmatters.org/education/higher-education/2026/08/students-without-legal-status-california/.

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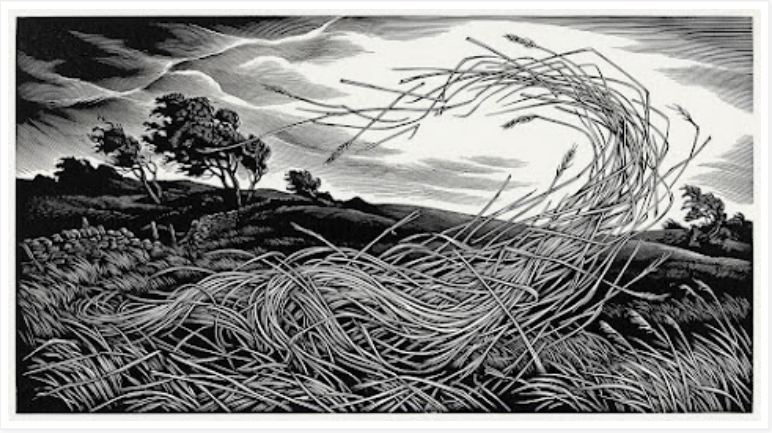
Bill at https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB713/id/3191073. "*This article shall apply to the University of California, unless it is found to be inapplicable to the university, then, consistent with Section 67400, this article shall apply to the university only to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, make it applicable.*"

at September 06, 2026 No comments:

Labels: community colleges, CSU, diversity, governor, legislature, politics, UC, UC Regents

Straws in the Wind - Part 456



From the Columbia Daily Spectator: *Barnard quietly paused approvals this month for Curricular Practical Training, a program many international students rely on for internship eligibility... The pause comes after the federal government sent a pair of memos to Barnard and other colleges and universities on Aug. 12 and 24 threatening to cut off international student enrollment if the schools do not adopt stricter rules for approving international students' work authorizations. The pause, which other institutions have adopted amid the federal government's threat, raises concerns of international students losing work opportunities in an increasingly difficult job market.*

All pending and new CPT approvals are on hold as Barnard reviews and updates its institutional protocols, Joanna Kang, associate director of Barnard's International Student Services office wrote in the email to [an] international student. The student shared a portion of the email but declined to share its full text. A Barnard spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the pause...

Full story at https://www.columbiaspectator.com/news/2026/08/29/barnard-quietly-pauses-international-student-internship-approvals-following-federal-memos/.

at September 06, 2026 No comments:

Labels: Barnard, diversity, politics

Yale Deal - Part 12

From the Yale Daily News: *For the first time, first-year students were mandated to attend an orientation event that asked them to consider the interplay between higher education and democracy. The conversation — led by Yale College Dean Pericles Lewis and History professor Beverly Gage '94 — took place in two sessions... The conversations, which centered on the relationship between higher education and American democracy, touched on topics including campus protests and free speech — which were also discussed at a teach-in marketed as an alternative to the panels themselves...*

Hours before the first session began, over 300 alumni, students, professors and local union members gathered on Cross Campus in a teach-in, headlined "Democratize Yale," to demand the protection of student free speech and assembly, the democratization of the University board of

trustees, the codification of academic freedom and that Yale not settle in negotiations with the Trump administration.

...Lewis said during the later session that protest regulations were necessary to "ensure the ability of each student to get an education, the ability to back them, and to teach." He noted Yale has "rules regarding the time and place and manner, not content related rules," and that protesters can protest an issue from both sides...

Full story at https://yaledailynews.com/articles/first-years-attend-panel-on-protests-and-yale-s-place-in-democracy.

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From the Chronicle of Higher Education: *...There were... indications that at least one national organization is interested in the fight. Indivisible, an anti-Trump advocacy group founded during President Trump's first term, previously bought billboards on Interstate 95 to urge Yale not to settle. It provided signs and T-shirts for this rally. The event seemed to go off without a hitch, although [Alex Chen, Yale's undergraduate student-body president] said later that "free expression facilitators," staff members trained in Yale's free-expression policies, had approached him to ask what was going on. "It's a little bit chilling," he said, "to have them watching your every move."*

In addition, two people identifying themselves as staffers from the Office of Public Affairs told reporters that they could not be on Yale's grounds. Instead, journalists had to stand on a public sidewalk, about 250 feet away from the protest. "It's to protect the privacy of the students and faculty," one of the staff members said.

Full story at https://www.chronicle.com/article/yale-activists-defy-rules-to-warn-against-deal-with-trump.

at September 06, 2026 No comments:

Labels: academic freedom, politics, Yale

Regents at UCLA: Sept. 14-16, 2026

The Regents will be meeting at UCLA Sept. 14-16, 2026. Below is the preliminary agenda.

Regents: September 14-16, 2026 at UCLA Luskin Conference Center - Agenda

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Monday, September 14, 2026

3:00 pm **Investments Committee** (open session- includes public comment session)

Public Comment Period (30 minutes)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 5, 2026

I1 Discussion: Review of Investment Performance for Fiscal Year 2025–26

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Tuesday, September 15, 2026

8:30 am **Board** (open session - includes public comment session)

Public Comment Period (30 minutes)

Remarks of the Chair of the Board

Remarks of the President of the University

Remarks of the Chair of the Academic Senate

B1 Discussion: UC Inspires: Pulitzer Prize Winners – Chasing Truth and Knowledge

B2 Discussion: Annual UC Accountability Report

10:15 am Joint: **Health Services Committee and Finance and Capital Strategies Committee** (open session)

J1 Action: La Jolla Outpatient Pavilion, San Diego Campus: Budget, Scope, External Financing, and Design following Consideration of an Addendum to the La Jolla Campus Long Range Development Plan and Subsequent Environmental Impact Report Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act

J2 Discussion: Update on Integration of the UCLA West Valley Medical Center, Los Angeles Campus

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10:55 am **Health Services Committee** (open session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 14, 2026

H1 Discussion: *Public Payor Policy Updates Amid Federal and State Disinvestment*

11:35 am **Governance Committee** (closed session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 5, 2026

G1(X) Discussion: Collective Bargaining Matters I

1:00 pm **Compliance and Audit Committee** (closed session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 14, 2026

C1(X) Discussion: Updates on Health-Related Litigation Matters

C2(X) Discussion: Methodology and Valuation of Settlements in Professional Liability Cases

C3(X) Action: Recommended Settlement for Board Action:

Early Care and Education Pre-Litigation Claims (Child A and Child B) – Proposed Settlement – Sexual Misconduct – Los Angeles

C4(X) Discussion: Appellate, Trial Court Developments and Updates, Many Cases Including:

CALMATTERS v. REGENTS – Complaint Filed – California Public Records Act – Los Angeles

CITY OF PASADENA, et al. v. REGENTS, et al. (Rose Bowl Litigation) – Proceedings Informally Stayed – Breach of Contract – Los Angeles

DEFENDING EDUCATION v. ANGUIANO (Viewpoint/free speech issues regarding transgender individuals)

DO NO HARM, et al. v. REGENTS, et al.; STUDENTS AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION v. REGENTS, et al.; ZHONG, et al. v. REGENTS, et al. (Admissions Litigation) – Various Activity – Racial Discrimination – All Campuses

FEDERAL FUNDING LITIGATION – Various Activity – Contracts and Grants – Systemwide

OSAKO v. REGENTS, et al. – Temporary Restraining Order Issued – California Public Records Act – Los Angeles (Withholding of a report on a UCLA administrator)

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY PRA COLLECTIVE v. REGENTS – Order to Show Cause Issued re Petition for Writ of Mandate – Office of the President

PROTEST-RELATED CASES – Various Activity – Multiple Campuses

GENERAL COUNSEL'S UPDATE ON LITIGATION

C5(X) Information: Settlements and Separation Agreements under Delegated Authority Reported from June 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026

2:30 pm **Board** (closed session)

B3(X) Discussion: External Funding Litigation and Legal Issues

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3:15 pm **Governance Committee** (closed session)

G2(X) Discussion: Collective Bargaining Matters II

G3(X) Discussion: Incentive Compensation for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for Chief Investment Officer and Senior Vice President – Investments, Office of the President

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3:55 pm **Governance Committee** (open session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2026

G3 Action: Incentive Compensation for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for Chief Investment Officer and Senior Vice President – Investments, Office of the President as Discussed in Closed Session

G4 Action: Amendment of Bylaw 40.2 and Regents Policies 2304 And 2306; Adoption of New Regents Policies on Equivalent Ranks, Academic Senate Membership, and Academic Units and Functions; and Rescission of Related Standing Orders

Note: Matters relating to Academic Senate are always worth tracking.

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Wednesday, September 16, 2026

8:30 am **Board** (open session - includes public comment session)

Public Comment Period (30 minutes)

Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of July 14 and 15, 2026

Remarks from Student Associations

B4 Discussion: Update on Artificial Intelligence

B5 Discussion: History and Background of Standardized Testing at UC

10:45 am **Academic and Student Affairs Committe**e (open session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2026

A1 Discussion: UC STEM Outcomes and Math Innovation

A2 Discussion: What Future is UC Preparing Students For?

1:00 pm **Special Committee on Nominations** (closed session)

S1(X) Action: Appointment of a Regent and Regent-designate to Standing Committees and Resignation of a Regent from a Standing Committee for 2026-27

1:05 pm **Finance and Capital Strategies** (closed session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2026

F1(X) Action: Authorization to Form a Delaware Public Benefit Corporation Utilizing Recently Acquired Assets from a Commercial Party to Create a cGMP Facility to be Located at 777 Mariposa Street, San Francisco Campus

NOTE: cGMP stands for Current Good Manufacturing Practice, a system of regulations enforced by agencies like the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure the safety, purity, and quality of products like pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and food.

1:35 pm **Board** (closed session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2026

Committee Reports Including Approval of Recommendations from Committees:

-Compliance and Audit Committee

-Finance and Capital Strategies Committee

-Governance Committee

Officers' and President's Reports:

-Personnel Matters

-Report of Interim Actions

-Report of Materials Mailed Between Meetings

Upon end of closed session:

Finance and Capital Strategies (open session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2026

F2 Action: Berkeley Air & Space Center, Berkeley Campus: Certification of an Environmental Impact Report Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and Authorization for Submittal of the Project to the National Aeronautics And Space Administration

F3 Action: *UCLA Research Park East Core and Shell Improvements*, Los Angeles Campus: Working Drawings Funding, Scope, and Design Following Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and Advanced Work Phase Construction Funding

F4 Discussion: **Preliminary Discussion of the University's 2027-28 Operating Budget**

3:35 pm **National Laboratories Committee** (open session)

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2026

N1 Discussion: State of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

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4:05 pm **Board** (open session)

Agenda – Open Session

Committee Reports Including Approvals of Recommendations from Committees:

-Academic and Student Affairs Committee

-Finance and Capital Strategies Committee

-Health Services Committee

-Governance Committee

-Investments Committee

-Joint Meeting: Health Services Committee and Finance and Capital Strategies Committee

-National Laboratories Committee

-Special Committee on Nominations

Resolution

Officers' and President's Reports:

-Report of Interim, Concurrence, and Committee Action:s

-Report of Materials Mailed Between Meetings

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